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1. Department X, like other major components of the Ministry of Public Security, has its own basic Party organization. Approximately 90 percent of its members were Party members while the remaining 10 percent were Związek Młodzieży Polskiej (Union of Polish Youth) members, aspirants to Communist membership. The organization had a 7-9 member Central Committee (the number depended on the total membership). This committee was responsible for the selection of members to Party posts. The secretary for the group is chosen from the membership. In Department X, the secretary had only Party duties to perform. The Department X Party organization was called Organizacja Partyjna #22; it had over 100 members.

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The organization had two active spinster members from Warsaw (Helena ALTENBERG and Nela STANIKOWA) who had close connections with BERMAN and other top Party functionaries.

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[redacted]  
When the feud began getting out of hand, General ROMKOWSKI called a meeting of the "old guard" (former KPP members) and the newcomers, to air the problem. [redacted]

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[redacted]  
[redacted] subsequently FEJGIN took the leading place in Party activity in Department X. He [redacted] did not get along with the women in question [redacted]

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9. The local Party committee (Komitet Dzielnicowy) was specifically charged with the ideological education and security of its Party members. Through Party activity and the regular system of watching over its membership, the Party generally achieves the security ends it desires. The UB is not directly concerned with the ideological security of Party members.

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10. Orientation with current Party activities [redacted] was the sine qua non of responsible UB work. [redacted]

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[redacted] There never arose any question of following the PZPR line; not to do so was tantamount to political suicide. Some deviationism was possible in issues having little or no import.

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